



# TRAILS & TALES

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## **NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT** **JOHN EVANS**

To My Fellow Riders and Landowners

Thanks to a dry spring another season of wheelin' is under way. We were able to open our trails a little earlier this year and get riding sooner than usual. Most of our trails are open but we are dealing with the new season blues of trail closures and the needs for rerouting certain sections. Please stay off the trails that are closed till we can get them open or rerouted. I want to say thank you to our landowners who are working with the club to help us get new trails in this rerouting process. The landowner's consideration in the midst of change makes a huge difference in keeping a trail open. When you think about it our trails being open effects more than just our ability to ride. Many of our businesses in the area and our community as a whole benefit from us having trails into our community.

That being said it is also great that we have had the opportunity to help our community with roadside clean up, scholarships, giving to the needy and providing recreation for those that don't A.T.V but still use our trails. As a club we also need your continued support in joining the club and volunteering when you can. We have a lot of trail work to get done this coming season and it will take us all working together to get it done. We are blessed to be able ride from where we live into some of the most scenic areas in the world. I just returned from an area where access to land and the ability to go on a scenic tour were few and far between. I think sometimes we take this blessing for granted and in doing so sometimes are melancholy about the whole thing and don't get involved. Sometimes we even abuse the privilege we enjoy and ruin it for others. I would encourage

you to begin to think about how awesome it is to have a place to ride and think about how you could get involved.

We had a great meeting last month at the Legion Hall as we elected our new Officers and Executive Council. We discussed how we want to continue to see the club exist and keep our trails open. We also began looking at some of the projects for this coming year and some of the funding for those projects. We had a lot of fun and joked with each other quite a bit. I found out that I was young and some were not going to be around much longer to witness changes that are going to happen. It was a great time and I look forward to our times together being times we can share the passion we have for riding and for the area we live in. I want to thank all those who have served our club in the past and their dedication. I also want to thank the new ones who have and are going to step up and take their places. I was elected again this year as President and if you have any club related questions please feel free to give me a call at 207-491-3117. I will try to get back to you in a timely fashion. Dave Smith was elected to serve as our Trailmaster this season and if you have any trial related issues feel free to give him a call at 207-684-2416. We look forward to seeing you on the trails!  
President, John Evans

## **JOHN McCARTHY**

Barbara McCarthy has invited everyone to a Celebration of Life for her late husband John at their home at 99 Pillsbury Road in Strong. The date is Saturday June 27th, time is 2:00 PM. John was one of our most hard working and dedicated members and he will be missed by many.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following were Elected to Office at our May 7, 2015 meeting.

- President: John Evans
  - Vice President: Joseph Burnham
  - Secretary: Betty Snell
  - Treasurer: Lewis "Sonny" Collins
  - Trailmaster: David Smith
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|                 | Directors                    |         |
|                 | Term                         | Expires |
| John Evans      | 3 years                      | 5/2018  |
| Tom Piekart II  | 3 years                      | 5/2018  |
| David Smith     | 3 years                      | 5/2018  |
| Charles H Snell | 2 years                      | 5/2017  |
| Les Snell       | ATV MAINE Director           |         |
| Bill Birden     | ATV MAINE Alternate Director |         |

**NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be at the Strong Legion Hall on June 4th. Pot Luck Supper at 6:00 PM and the Meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. Bring a goodie for Supper and join us. The food is always GOOOOD!!

**DUES ARE DUE!!**

Dues are Due Now so if you haven't gotten around to getting them in, now would be the time. Betty is anxiously waiting at the Mail Box.....

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Rachel Main is the recipient of our 2015 Scholarship. She is the Daughter of Members Arron & Darlene Main of Eliot ME. She just graduated from Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth NH last week and is planning to go on to The University of NH in Manchester this fall or next spring to continue her studies.

Congratulations Rachel!

**STRONG PARADE**

Bill announced that the Strong Parade is scheduled for Friday June 26th. The Theme is: **Bigger the Boys-Bigger the Toys!!!** So wash up and decorate your machines and join the fun. Starts at 5:00 PM at the Club House field.

**2015 YARD SALE**

David Smith said there will be a Yard Sale again this year. It will be Friday and Saturday of Labor Day Week-end. So if you have any Good Stuff, we could use it. Call David at 207-684-2416. We have started collecting at the Club House already.